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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs of the specification as follows:

Please replace Paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The present Application for Patent is a Continuation and claims priority to Patent Application No. 09/990,563 entitled "Method and Apparatus for a Dedicated Control Channel in an Early Soft Handoff in a Code Division Multiple Access Communication System" filed November 21, 2001, now allowed, which is a Continuation and claims priority to Patent Application Serial No. 09/317,666 entitled "Method and Apparatus for a Dedicated Control Channel in an Early Soft Handoff in a Code Division Multiple Access Communication System", filed May 24, 1999, now issued, and assigned to the assignee hereof and hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein.

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